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Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, May 14.

INDIAN FUNDS

Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the following legislation:

S. 2203, to provide a settlement fund for the restoration of certain Indian lands within the Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Senator Domenici; Representative Richardson; Patrick Hayes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, Trust and Economic Development; Myles E. Flint, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Robert Lewis, Governor, Pueblo of Zuni, Zuni, New Mexico; E. Richard Hart, Institute of the North American West, Seattle, Washington; Robert Delaney, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Stephen Boyden and Floyd O'Neil, both of Salt Lake City, Utah; and

S. 1934, to revise the United States Housing Act of 1937 to direct the Secretary of Housing to reimburse local governments located within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations for providing Indian housing services in an amount equal to the local property tax that would be payable if the housing were subject to such tax, after receiving testimony from Michael Janis, General Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Mayor Clare Aubol, and Jean Hall, Fort Berthold Housing Authority, both of New Town, North Dakota; and Mayor Wade Williamson, Parshall, North Dakota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 4736-4737; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 564 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Report entitled "1990 Economic Report of the President" (H. Rept. 101-475); and

H.R. 237, to implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction, by prohibiting certain conduct relating to biological weapons, amended (H. Rept. 101-476).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Gray to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from D. Cy Jamison, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulation, Business Opportunities and Energy held a hearing on safety and effectiveness of weight loss programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Dr. Carl Peck, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; Dr. Fred Shank, Director, Center for Food Safety and Nutrition; Kenneth Baumgartner, Deputy Chief Counsel, Administration; and Alexander Grant, Associate Commissioner, Consumer Affairs; and public witnesses.

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 2585-2594, S.J. Res. 308-310, and S. Con. Res. 128.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1128, for the relief of Richard Saunders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 101-281)

S. 1738, to convey certain Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands in Josephine County, Oregon to the Rogue Community College District, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 101-282)

S. 2388, to provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the Centennial of Yosemite National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 267, to authorize and request the President to designate May 1990 as "National Physical Fitness and Sports Month", and the resolution was then passed.

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Hatch Act Reform Amendments: Senate continued consideration of S. 135, to amend title 5, United States Code, to restore to Federal civilian employees their right to participate voluntarily, as private citizens, in the political processes of the Nation, and to protect such employees from improper political solicitations, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Dole Modified Amendment No. 1588, to provide for penalties for employees violating certain prohibitions on political activities.

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Rejected:

(1) Roth Amendment No. 1585, to modify the definition of a partisan political office. (By 64 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(2) Dole Amendment No. 1586, to provide limitations on the political activities of certain employees of the intelligence and law enforcement agencies. (By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(3) Simpson/Dole Amendment No. 1587, to delay the effective date of the Act until bans on PAC contributions and soft money are enacted. (By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(4) Gramm Amendment No. 1590, to provide military personnel the same political freedoms as Federal civilian employees. (By 66 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 10, 1990.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, May 9.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Karen LeCraft Henderson, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

A. Raymond Randolph, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

James R. Moseley, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—83)

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Recess: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and recessed at 7:57 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 9, 1990. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Senator Mitchell in today's Record on page 9638.)

Committee Meetings

REGULATION OF SECURITIES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to review issues involving the regulation of securities markets, focusing on the jurisdiction between the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities Exchange Commission, receiving testimony from Robert Glauber, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Finance; Richard Breeden, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Wendy Gramm, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1991 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical airpower, receiving testimony from Vice Adm. Richard M. Dunleavy, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare), Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Charles H. Pitman, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation, United States Marine Corps; and Maj. Gen. John E. Jaquish, USAF, Director of Tactical Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 10.

APPROPRIATIONS—HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1991 for the Department

of Housing and Urban Development, receiving testimony from Jack Kemp, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 10.

NAVAL ARMS CONTROL

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces and Regional Defense held hearings to examine possible approaches to naval arms control, receiving testimony from Sergey Akhromeyev, Advisor to the President of the U.S.S.R.

Hearings will resume on Friday, May 11.

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF HUD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on HUD/Moderate Rehabilitation concluded hearings to examine Congressional oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUD), after receiving testimony from Paul A. Adams, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Frederick M. Kaiser, Specialist in American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Richard L. Fogel, Assistant Comptroller General, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; and Charles L. Dempsey, former Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Stanley M. Brand, Brand and Lowell, Richard A. Wegman, Garvey, Schubert and Barer, representing the National Academy of Public Administrators, and Thomas E. Mann and Bert A. Rockman, both of The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

SCIENTIFIC MANPOWER

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to review the status of science, mathematics, and engineering education in the United States, after receiving testimony from Erich Bloch, Director, National Science Foundation; Richard C. Atkinson, University of California, San Diego, representing the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Donna E. Shalala, University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Alvin W. Trivelpiece, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

COAL/GAS COFIRING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy, Research and Development held hearings on S. 1848, to implement and provide financial assistance for a research and demonstration program for natural gas and coal cofiring technologies, receiving testimony from Jack S. Siegel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Coal Technology; Richard Schmalensee, Member, Council of Economic Advisors; Steven E. Winberg, Consolidated Natural Gas Service Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Gas Association and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America; Mark T.

Maassel, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Merrillville, Indiana; and David O. Webb, Gas Research Institute, William J. Roberts, Environmental Defense Fund, and Francis S. Blake, Swidler and Berlin, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 612, to authorize funds for completion of the Washington Metrorail System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Richard G. Austin, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the General Services Administration, and Jessica L. Parks, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

AUTHORIZATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1991 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Thornburgh, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

CHILD LABOR

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children, Family, Drugs, and Alcoholism and Subcommittee on Labor concluded joint hearings on S. 2548, to revise the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase penalties for employers who violate the child labor provisions, and to bar repeated violators from receiving Federal grants and loans and from paying the subminimum training wage, after receiving testimony from William C. Brooks, Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, and Robert P. Davis, Solicitor, both of the Department of Labor; Linda Golodner, National Consumers League, David Liederman, Child Welfare League of America, and Rudy Oswald, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; Philip Landrigan, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York, representing the American Academy of Pediatrics; Justin Lowell, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Margaret Kimmel, Elkton, Virginia.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee resumed hearings to examine national security measures for the 1990's, focusing on how energy and environmental issues affect U.S. national security, receiving testimony from J. Clarence Davie, Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Policy, Planning and Evaluation; Linda Stuntz, Deputy Secretary of Energy for Policy, Planning and Analysis; Jessica Tuckman Mathews, World Resources Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Alan Randall, Ohio State University, Columbus.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4738–4753; 1 private bill, H.R. 4754; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 322–325 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3656, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to improve the clearance and settlement of transactions in securities and related instruments, amended (H. Rept. 101–477);

H.R. 44, to provide that certain service members of the United States merchant marine during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of any law administered by the Veterans Administration and to establish a mechanism to provide for nonprofit organizations for merchant marine memorials, amended (H. Rept. 101–478);

H. Res. 388, providing for the consideration of H.R. 770, to entitle employees to family leave in certain cases involving a birth, an adoption, or a serious health condition and to temporary medical leave in certain cases involving a serious health condition, with adequate protection of the employees' employment and benefit rights, and to establish a commission to study ways of providing salary replacement for employees who take such leave (H. Rept. 101–479).

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Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 106 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 97, the House approved the Journal of Monday, May 7.

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Federal Employee Health Benefits: House agreed to a motion to concur in Senate amendments Nos. 1 and 3 and disagree to Senate amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1805, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow Federal annuitants to make contributions for health benefits through direct payments rather than through annuity withholdings if the annuity is insufficient to cover the required withholdings; to eliminate the reinsurance requirement under the Federal employees' life insurance program; and to make a technical correction relating to the life insurance program. Agreed to the Senate amendment to the title with an amendment—returning the measure to the Senate.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Matsunaga Hydrogen Research Act: H.R. 4521, amended, to establish a Hydrogen Research and Development Program;

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Emergency field response: H.R. 4522, to improve the information available to emergency response personnel in

the field (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas, Roll No. 98);

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Securities settlement and clearance: H.R. 3656, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to improve the clearance and settlement of transactions in securities and related instruments;

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Biological weapons: H.R. 237, amended, to implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction, by prohibiting certain conduct relating to biological weapons (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas, Roll No. 99). Subsequently, S. 993, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu—clearing the measure for the President. H.R. 237 was laid on the table; and

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Presentation of William D. Ford portrait: H. Con. Res. 272, amended, authorizing printing of the transcript of proceedings of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service of the House of Representatives incident to presentation of a portrait of the Honorable William D. Ford.

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Digestive Disease Awareness Month: House passed H.J. Res. 453, designating May 1990 as "National Digestive Disease Awareness Month".

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 9639, 9662, and 9663. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit and Rural Development approved for full Committee action the Conservation title of the 1990 Farm bill.

RESTRICT TIMBER EXPORTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms and Energy approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1037, to prohibit the sale for export of unprocessed timber from Federal lands west of the 100th meridian in the contiguous 48 States.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing to review proposals to restrict timber exports. Testimony was heard from representatives Swift, AuCoin and Unsoeld; George M. Leonard, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Susan R. Lamson, Deputy Director, external Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of

the Interior; William E. Gahr, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs. Testimony was heard from Eddie F. Brown, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of Interior.

U.S. BANKS—GLOBAL STRATEGY

Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, Supervision, Regulation and Insurance, Task Force on International Competitiveness held a hearing on the problems confronting U.S. banks attempting to implement a global strategy. Testimony was heard from John S. Reed, Chairman, Citicorp.

WORLD BANK LENDING—PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, Finance, Trade and Monetary Policy held a hearing on World Bank Lending to the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from John Niehuss, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCING ALTERNATIVES

Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Policy Research and Insurance held a hearing on issues relating to infrastructure needs assessments and financing alternatives. Testimony was heard from Edith Page, Project Director, OTA; David Montgomery, Assistant Director, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, CBO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 22.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported amended H.R. 4000, Civil Rights of 1990.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs and the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations approved for full Committee action a resolution to be introduced concerning human rights, democracy, and illicit narcotics production and trafficking in Burma.

The Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs also approved for full Committee action the following resolutions to be introduced: concerning the promotion of human rights and democracy in Nepal; and expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States remains firmly committed to its Mutual Defense Treaty with the Republic of Korea and is steadfastly dedicated to the promotion of security and peace in the Korean peninsula.

Prior to these actions, the Subcommittees held a joint hearing on the prospects for Democratization in Burma, Mongolia, and Nepal. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher and Unsoeld; and the following officials of the Department of State: David Lambertson, Deputy Assistant Secretary; Desaix Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Teresita Schaffer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near East and South Asian Affairs; and Paula Dobriansky, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East held a hearing on U.S.-Egyptian Relations in the 1990's. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Accounts met to consider pending business.

WASTE ISOLATION PILOT LAND WITHDRAWAL ACT

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the Committee on energy and Commerce held a joint hearing on Waste Isolation Pilot Land Withdrawal Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen and Stallings; Leo P. Duffy, Director, Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, Department of Energy; Michael Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: S. 286, Petroglyph National Monument Establishment Act of 1989; and S. 280, Niobrara River Scenic River Designation Act of 1989.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3787, to authorize a joint federal, state and tribal study for the restoration of the fishery resources of the Chehalis River Basin, Washington; and H.R. 3613, to establish an Upper Sacramento River Fishery resources restoration program. Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of California; John Turner, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Peter Bontadelli, Director, Department of Fish and Game, State of California; and public witnesses.

STATUS OF NOAA

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Oceanography and Great Lakes held a hearing on the status of the NOAA in the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Michael Deland, Chairman, Council of Environmental Quality; John A. Knauss, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Erich Bretthauer, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Postal Operations and Services and the Subcommittee on Postal Personnel and Modernization held a joint oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from members of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service: Robert Setrakian, Chairman, John L. Ryan, Vice Chairman; Ira D. Hall; Susan E. Alvarado; Dr. Tirso del Junco; and Bert H. Mackie, all Governors.

STATUS OF HIGHWAY AND AVIATION TRUST FUNDS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing concerning the current status of the Highway and Aviation Trust Funds. Testimony was heard from John Hill, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; Kate Moore, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted a modified open rule providing 2½ hours of debate on H.R. 770, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1989. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment, the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in part one of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, and the substitute shall be considered as having been read. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. No amendments to the substitute shall be in order except those printed in part two of the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments are to be considered in the order and manner specified in the report, debatable for the period specified, to be equally divided and controlled by the proponent of the amendment and a member opposed thereto and are not subject to amendment except as specified in the report. If more than one amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part two of the report is adopted, only the last amendment shall be considered as having been adopted and reported back to the House. The rules makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Penny of Minnesota, or his designee. After disposition of the Penny substitute,

the rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Gordon of Tennessee, or his designee. While the Gordon substitute is pending, the rule makes in order the following amendments in the order specified: (1) the amendments en bloc by Representative Stenholm of Texas, or his designee; (2) the amendments en bloc by Representative Clay of Missouri to the amendments en bloc by Representative Stenholm; (3) the amendments en bloc by Representative Grandy of Iowa, or his designee; (4) the amendments en bloc by Representative Bartlett of Texas, or his designee. The rule provides that the vote on each amendment is to apply to both the substitute made in order as original text and the Gordon substitute. The Stenholm, Grandy and Bartlett amendments are not subject to amendment or to a demand of the division in the House of in the Committee of the Whole, except as provided in the rule. The rule provides that the vote on the Clay amendments en bloc are to apply to both the Stenholm amendments en bloc. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend with instructions, if offered by Representatives Michel of Illinois, or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Clay, Gordon, Carr, Stenholm, Penny, Parker, Goodling, Roukema, Grandy, Weldon, and Houghton.

SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGING DEMOCRACIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H.R. 4636, Supplemental Assistance for Emerging Democracies Act of 1990.

HMO'S

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on fiscal year 1991 issues relating to payment of Health Maintenance Organizations by the Medicare program. Testimony was heard from Gail R. Wilensky, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet L. Shikles, Director, Health Financing and Policy Issues, Human Resources Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

FAMINE RELIEF IN ETHIOPIA

Select Committee on Hunger: International Task Force held a hearing on "Famine Relief in Ethiopia: An Update". Testimony was heard from Ambassador Herman Cohen, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; Andrew S. Natsios, Director, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.